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PGCPS Students' Declines In Math Called "Concerning"

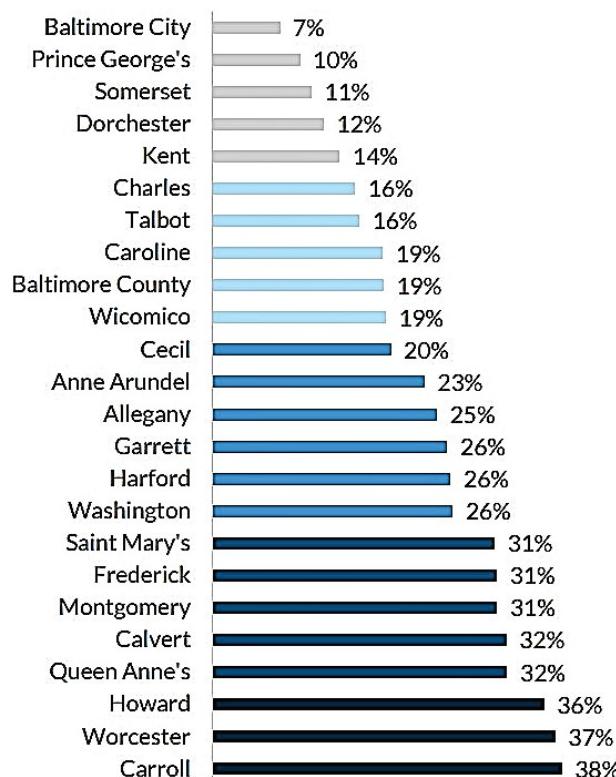
by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On January 24, Maryland's Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) results for Spring 2022 were released by the Maryland State Department of Education. For Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), they showed some gains in English Language Arts (ELA) but declines in math competency that CEO Dr. Monica Goldson called "concerning."

Math Proficiency

The county's public schools saw a decline in math proficiency scores across every grade level, with the largest declines being among elementary school students, in the 5- to 11-year-old group. In a comparative look at the math proficiency levels, according to MCAP results, for grades three to eight PGCPS ranks second from the bottom with only 10 percent proficiency, ahead of only Baltimore City, which showed 7 percent. The state average was 22 percent.

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Math proficiency percentage in grades 3-8 for 2021-2022

Trial Juror: Just One Day, One Trial (One Long Day)

by Pat Scully (Juror 16)

Unlike members of a grand jury, people who are called for trial (or petit) jury duty serve for one day or one trial. All registered voters and people who have a driver's license or an identification card through the Department of Motor Vehicles are in the pool and may receive a summons every year. However, jurors only have to serve once every three years, if called.

The summons lists a group number and a phone number to call after 6 p.m. on the day before the date of potential service. That phone call tells whether the group must report or is excused.

The following is an account of one individual on jury duty at the courthouse in Upper Marlboro in early December.

Logistics

Potential jurors park at the Equestrian Center and take the shuttle bus to the courthouse. The



PHOTO BY PEGGY HIGGINS

Pat Scully

bus runs every five to seven minutes. Although the two locations are only about half a mile apart, walking is discouraged because the pedestrian bridge between the two is closed.

Everyone entering the courthouse must go through a metal detector and have all belongings

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City ARPA Projects: Some Underway, Some Begin Soon

by Deb Daniel

On January 23, Greenbelt City Council heard Interim Assistant City Manager Debi Sandlin present American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) project updates. Higher Education Support Scholarships, Greenbelt First-time Homebuyers Assistance, Rental and Utility Assistance, Mortgage and Homeowner Assistance, Business Improvement Fund and Healthcare Vouchers with CCI Health Services are among the ARPA projects that are already launched.

ARPA projects in the works

include Childcare Vouchers, GHI Mortgage Assistance and Old Greenbelt Family Health which is a healthcare voucher program similar to the CCI program.

Tree Canopy

Tree Canopy grants will be opening in February. Greenbelt homeowners, homeowner associations and apartment complexes will be eligible to apply. The purpose of the grant is to assist homeowners and

See ARPA, page 8

Legislative Priorities

Council Discusses Legislation, City Employee Compensation

by Deb Daniel

On January 23, Greenbelt City Council discussed various state and county legislation initiatives that may impact Greenbelt. Mayor Emmett Jordan stated that council may choose to support, oppose or take no action on the legislation. Council also discussed the recent compensation study on employees' salaries and will seek to bring Greenbelt's city employees' salaries more in line with other municipalities.

Maglev

Senate Bill 50/House Bill 106 prohibit Maryland (or any unit or instrumentality of Maryland) from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation (maglev) transportation system located or to be located in Maryland.

Council supported this legislation unanimously.

Constant Yield

Senate Bill 114 modifies advertising requirements that local jurisdictions must follow regarding the constant yield tax rate by establishing a separate notification requirement for jurisdictions that maintain their real property tax rate from the prior year.

Councilmember Judith Davis pointed out that some language of the notice to taxpayers has already been made clearer. As one of its five legislative priorities outlined in the City of Green-

belt's 2023 Legislative Program Summary, the city has requested the state legislature create an explanation of the constant yield tax rate that residents can understand. For an in-depth explanation of Constant Yield Tax Credit and the confusion around its language see the January 5 issue of the News Review.

Council supported this legislation unanimously.

Rental Licensure

Senate Bill 100/House Bill 36 add requirements in order to repossess residential rental property. A key one is that a landlord must submit evidence that they comply with local rental property licens-

sure requirements to the clerk of the court and demonstrate that they are compliant with licensing before they can repossess their property or evict tenants.

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What Goes On

Monday, February 6
7:30 p.m., Council worksession: combined properties/Greenway Center, Municipal Building

Wednesday, February 8
7:30 p.m., Council worksession: Board of Elections, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltdmd.gov for more information.



PHOTO BY GRAEME SIMPSON

Photographers featured in the Greenbelt Lake photo exhibit on view in February at the National Wildlife Visitor Center pose by the Lake. Top row from left: Kevin Higgins, Graeme Simpson, Gloria Brown, Ken Briefel, Gary Brown, Wade Stephen, Andrea Zukowski and William Cornett; bottom row from left: Viad Tchompalov, Amy Wenzel, Michael Garcia, Rebecca Cagle, Kathryn Beard, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll and Marc Siegel (in the kayak). See ad on page 11.

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Electronically, that is.

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Greenbelter Chip Helms poses with a copy of the News Review aboard the NASA P3 aircraft getting ready to fly into winter storms as part of the NASA IMPACTS field campaign.

On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre**A Man Called Otto**

Otto Anderson (Tom Hanks) is a grumpy widower whose only joy comes from criticizing and judging his exasperated neighbors. When a lively young family moves in next door, he meets his match in quick-witted and very pregnant Marisol, leading to an unexpected friendship that will turn his world upside down. The film is a remake of the Swedish film A Man Called Ove, which was based on a novel by Fredrik Backman. The English translation of the book became a New York Times bestseller.

Women Talking

Do nothing. Stay and fight. Or leave. In 2010, the women of an isolated religious community grapple with reconciling a brutal reality with their faith. From Director Sarah Polley, the film stars Jessie Buckley, Rooney Mara, Claire Foy, Judith Ivey, Ben Whishaw and Frances McDormand. "It's a film with so much depth and, of course, one of the greater casts you'll see this year," says critic Amy Nicholson, of KPCC-NPR Los Angeles.

Living

Set in 1953, the film is the story of an ordinary man (Bill Nighy), reduced by years of oppressive office routine to a shadow existence, who at the 11th hour makes a supreme effort to turn his dull life into something wonderful. Directed by Oliver Hermanus from a screenplay by Kazuo Ishiguro, the story is adapted from the 1952 Japanese film Ikiru directed by Akira Kurosawa, which in turn was inspired by the 1886 Russian novella The Death of Ivan Ilyich by Leo Tolstoy. Says critic Candice McMillan of Seattle Refined, "Living breathes life into an otherwise quiet story of one man's wrestle to accept his mortality ... portrayed with sweet, unassuming simplicity by Bill Nighy, the one part of the equation essential to the film's sum believability and winsome charm."

The Red Shoes

In this classic 1948 drama, Vicky Page (Moira Shearer) is an aspiring ballerina torn between her dedication to dance and her desire to love. While her imperious instructor, Boris Lermontov (Anton Walbrook), urges to her to forget anything but ballet, Vicky begins to fall for the charming young composer Julian Craster (Marius Goring). Eventually Vicky, under great emotional stress, must choose to pursue either her art or her romance, a decision that carries serious consequences.

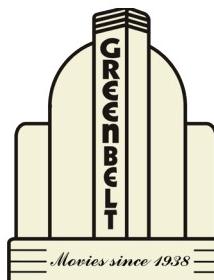
The Bell Affair

From director Kwakiutl Dreher, this live-animated documentary tells the story of a family enslaved in Prince George's County and Washington, D.C., in the 19th century. Daniel and Mary Bell sued for their freedom from slavery and won. After slaveholders threatened to re-enslave them and their children, the Bells led one of the largest escape attempts in American history. Their inspiring story is brought to cinema for the first time. Filmed and directed remotely during the Covid-19 pandemic, the cast was never in the same room with each other or with the director at the same time.



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See page 8 to get yours!



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OC = Open Captions

CC = Closed Captions

DVS = Descriptive Video Service

**SHOWTIMES:
FEBRUARY 3RD - 9TH****Screen 1 - Main Auditorium**

A Man Called Otto (PG-13)
(CC) (DVS) (2022) (126 mins)

Fri. 4:15 PM

Sat. 5:15 PM

Sun. 5:00 PM

Mon. 1:30 PM (OC) in **Screen 2**

Tues. 7:00 PM

Wed. 5:00 PM

Thurs. 7:30 PM in **Screen 2**

Women Talking (PG-13) (CC)
(DVS) (2022) (104 mins)

Fri. 7:00 PM w/ post-screening discussion!

Sat. 8:00 PM

Sun. 2:30 PM (OC)

Mon. 5:00 PM

Tues. 4:45 PM

Wed. 7:45 PM

Thurs. 3:00 PM

Monday Matinee: FREE
The Red Shoes (NR) (1948)

(133 mins)

Mon. 1:00 PM

Thurs. 8:00 PM

Special free screening with post-film Q&A!

The Bell Affair (NR) (2022)
(83 mins)

Thurs. 5:30 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Living (PG-13) (CC) (DVS)
(2022) (102 mins)

Fri. 4:30 PM, 7:15 PM

Sat. 5:30 PM, 8:15 PM

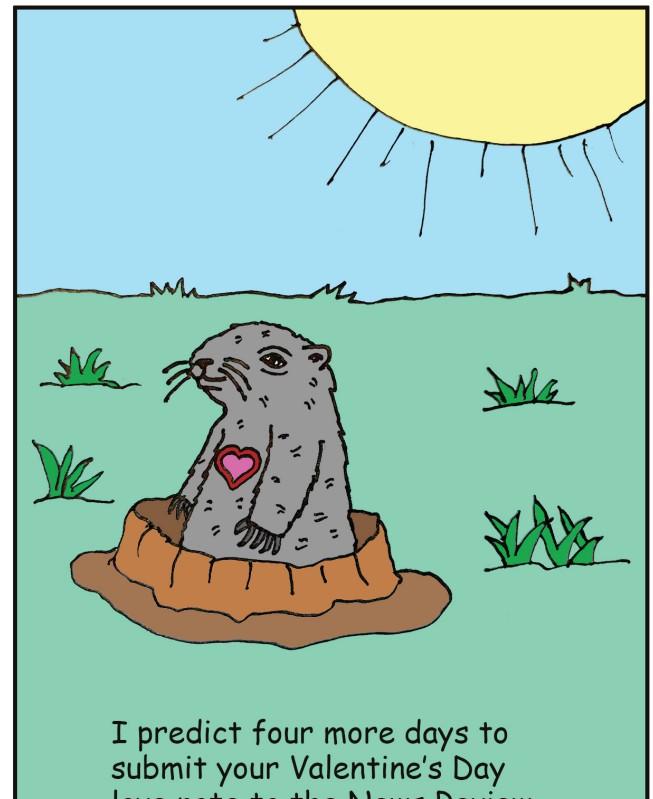
Sun. 2:45 PM, 5:15 PM (OC)

Mon. 5:15 PM

Tues. 7:15 PM

Wed. 7:30 PM

Thurs. 5:00 PM



I predict four more days to submit your Valentine's Day love note to the News Review.

Add your love note to the form on p. 8 and drop it off with payment at the Co-op by 6 p.m., Monday, February 6.

- Cartoon by Sandy Rodgers

Send Us Your High Resolution Photos!

The News Review encourages readers to send in photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture.

If you are sending photos from your phone, please choose the option to send "actual size", or upload the photos to your computer first and then email the photos at full size. Send photos to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

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Office is currently closed to the public. Please phone or email.

GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the

Community Center's east door near the municipal building.

Community Events

Donate Bras, Menstrual Products, Toiletries

The Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom (GARF), a city recognition group, will hold its second bra, menstrual product and toiletry donation drive from February 4 to 28. Beneficiary organizations include two nonprofits: Shepherd's Cove Emergency Shelter for Women and Children in Capitol Heights and I Support the Girls, which coordinates the direct delivery of supplies on an as-needed basis to organizations serving women and girls.

New and/or gently used bras of any size or type, new sealed menstrual products and new travel or regular-size toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors) are in high demand. Gently used bras means clean, no large stains, broken clasps or straps, holes, stretched out elastic, smoke smell even after washing, missing underwire or underwire poking through. Other items such as period panties, menstrual cups, and new underpants in unopened packages are also needed.

Collection bins are located at the Co-op Supermarket, the Aquatic Center, the Youth Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, the New Deal Café and Choice Clinical Services in Roosevelt Center throughout February. Stop by the Co-op on Saturdays (February 4 and 11) between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to learn more about the drive and GARF.

For more information, email greenbeltarf@gmail.com. To make a monetary donation, do so through I Support the Girls at bit.ly/ISTGxGreenbeltARF.

Reception Sunday For New Art Show

The New Deal Café and the Greenbelt Arts Center will be hosting an opening reception for the new group art show, Resistance and Resilience in the African Diaspora, on Sunday, February 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. Stop by and meet the artists. Light refreshments will be served. The show is on view from January 30 until March 6 at the New Deal Café and on limited view at the Arts Center.

PORCH Food Drive: 10 Tons and Counting

It's Greenbelt Porch's Two-Year Anniversary: 10 tons and counting. Make a food donation a new monthly habit. A donation will make an immediate and meaningful impact on the lives of those in need in Greenbelt.

February food pickups:

Sunday, February 12. By 11 a.m. at 1-8 Courts Ridge, 1-8 Courts Crescent and 1-2 Courts Westway

Saturday, February 18. By 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill

Sunday, February 19. By 4 p.m. for Boxwood Village and P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members (including former Woodland Hill donors)

Sunday, February 26. By 4 p.m. for 9 and 12 Courts Ridge and for 11 and 13 Courts Ridge, by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

If you don't have a monthly food drive in your neighborhood, you can help through P.A.L. (PORCH At Large). We will come to you. To participate, simply contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com with your address by noon on the scheduled monthly pickup date. Leave donations in a box or bag labelled RUAK or PORCH on your porch or near the front door or other location visible from the street. Only donate food items that have not passed their use-by date.

New volunteers are welcome to expand Porch Greenbelt to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Porch Greenbelt, contact Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Racial Equity Group To Meet February 7

The Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA) holds its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda items include housing, state legislation to support a recent Public Safety Advisory Committee letter regarding police reform and reviewing organizational policies. For a link to the meeting, go to the GREA website at greenbeltracialequity.org/events.

Valentine Tours At the Museum

The Greenbelt Museum has a variety of programs and events coming up, starting with a Be Our Valentine Open House on Sunday, February 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. The free open house will feature a lighthearted look at love in the 1940s and 1950s and quick historic house tours with vintage valentine cards, decorations and ads on display. Also offered is a special card-making opportunity with We are Artistic, a student-led group that organizes the making of cards for hospitalized children. In case of inclement weather, the alternate date for the Open House is Sunday, February 12 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Tours of the Museum's historic house will be available on select Sundays in February and March at 1 p.m. and at 3 p.m. through Eventbrite, which is accessible on the Museum's website at greenbeltmuseum.org. Walking tours will soon be added to Eventbrite as well, including the newest tour, an exploration of Greenbelt's North End.

For more information on any of these events, check the Museum's website or Facebook page. Email any questions to education@greenbeltmuseum.org.

Create Folk Art At Artful Afternoon

Guests of all ages are invited to bring their childhood memories to life in a workshop inspired by the work of African American folk artist Blanch Ackers. The workshop will be led by Greenbelt resident and teaching artist Barbara Joann Combs. This free Artful Afternoon activity will take place on Sunday, February 5 in the Community Center's ground floor east space. There will be two seatings: from 1 to 2 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. Advance registration is recommended; sign up online at bit.ly/3H0FZUw. Walk-ins will also be welcome if space allows. Enter by the flagpole on the east side of the building.

Art materials will be provided. Dress in comfortable, art-making clothes. Feel free to bring in photographs for reference, or work from memory and imagination. Masks are strongly recommended.

This program is offered in conjunction with the city's Black History Month observance. For additional program information, visit bit.ly/3HpPIVX. Greenbelt's arts programs are supported in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. For additional program information, visit greenbeltdmd.gov/arts.

Meet and Greet Ingrid Watson

Ingrid S. Watson (formerly Harrison), newly elected to the Prince George's County Council representing District 4, will hold a Meet and Greet at the Community Center on Wednesday, February 8 at 6 p.m. The meeting will provide an opportunity to network, engage and share with Watson issues of concern to Greenbelters.

Novel Endings Open for Business

Novel Endings is the used book room within the Greenbelt Library. Sales of books and other media from this room support special programming and the Library.

Maintained by volunteers for the Friends of Greenbelt Library, Novel Endings receives donations of book discards from the library as well as donations from the community by special arrangements. To donate books, email friendsofgreenbelibrary@gmail.com. Cash and check donations are also accepted in the black box next to the Library's front desk.

Come see what Novel Endings has to offer and support the Greenbelt Library at the same time.

Mishkan Torah Offers Free Virtual Book Talk

Join Mishkan Torah on Sunday, February 12 at 2 p.m. for a talk by Mishkan Torah member Diane Tuckman on her book, Anatomy of a Friendship, a memoir of her life and the life of her friend Cecile Spiegel across Egypt, Germany, France and the United States. Learn about Jewish life and the stories of two incredible women. The event is free and on Zoom. To register, email AdultPrograms@MishkanTorah.org.

Arts Advisory Board Will Meet Virtually

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, February 7 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Discussion topics will include the Greenbelt signage, discussion topics for the next Arts Mixer and other plans for the year. For more information and to obtain the Zoom link, write to alarsen@greenbeltdmd.gov.

This Week at the New Deal Café

The ONLY Greenbelt venue with BOTH dinner AND a show!



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Hours: Monday – Thursday 8am – 9pm; Friday/Saturday 8am – midnight; Sunday 9am – 9pm

TH 2/2	FRI 2/3	SAT 2/4	SUN 2/5
Wolf's Thursday Blues Show and Jam 6:30-10pm Big, bodacious, boogie blues jam! Sign up and jam!	Dance Little Sister 8-11pm Rolling Stones Tribute Band playing all the hits you remember.	Rogue Johnsen Project 8-11pm Eclectic blend of old school originals and covers.	This Could Go Boom! Brunch Showcase* Josey Indigo/dawning/Carly Harvey 11am-1pm Resistance & Resilience in the African Diaspora Art Reception* 2-4pm DC Rockabilly Legend Tex Rubinowitz 6-8pm
The Monday Mauveness Karaoke Night* 6-9pm Sing a capella or with a LIVE BAND!	Songwriters Association of Washington (SAW) Open Mic 6:30-9pm Share your talents!	The Seth Kibel Quartet 7-9pm High energy jazz and klezmer; multi-WAMMIE winners.	The Paulverizers 7-9pm Hard-drivin; blues from some of the finest musicians in the DMV!
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It's time to renew your membership or join NDC. Go to www.newdealcafe.com, click on "ABOUT", then

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**For more information on these events, visit the NDC CALENDAR page on our website.*



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Streaming on www.greenbeltaccessstv.org

THIS WEEK on GATE • Your Community Access Station

7am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	Classic Movies • Documentary	Amos & Andy: Anatomy of a Controversy • 1983
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl 2022-23	Elementary: Greenbelt v. Templeton
2pm	Music at the New Deal SEASON SIX	GADAN (Part 2)• Irish Music by Italian Artists
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City Social Services Provide Variety Of Helpful Programs for Residents

by Gloria Walters-Flowers

The pandemic brought Greenbelt residents various challenges, increased hospitalizations and even loss of life. It also brought job loss, prolonged financial difficulties, food insecurity, anxiety and depression. Greenbelt CARES stepped in to extend a helping hand to the residents who needed help. And for those who needed wrap-around care, the program stood out, offering assistance and hope.

Greenbelt CARES, around since the 1970s, strives to address how Greenbelt, as a community, helps residents stay healthy. The staff of 17 provide free direct services for mental health and crisis counseling, educational services like GED preparation, community in-home nursing visits for seniors and pediatric residents as well as free produce distribution.

Mental Health Services

CARES offers family, group and individual counseling services that are in great demand and well respected. Even before the pandemic, there was a waiting list. Post-pandemic, CARES has seen an uptick in mental health care requests as Greenbelters continue navigating Covid-related financial impacts to their already stretched budgets, anxiety and depression. The clinicians and counselors are also busy with crisis counseling services, supporting victims of domestic violence and facilitating group sessions in local schools. Evening appointments are most popular; therefore, residents seeking services are likely to be seen more quickly during daytime hours. Because of county funding, CARES is able to provide counseling services to residents in areas surrounding Greenbelt.

Educational Services

While counseling services are the most in demand, edu-



CARES booth at the Farmers Market. From left, Delinquency Prevention Counselor Darren Stephenson, Vocational Education and Workforce Development Coordinator Deji Ayoku, Bilingual Community Outreach Coordinator Katherine Farzin and Community Mental Health Counselor Ricky Jackson

cational services offered at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse are another important service. GED preparation, tutoring, ESOL and life skills, such as financial literacy and résumé preparation, are provided. The ESOL program is offered three times a week. Anger management classes are offered twice a year by court referral and by self-referral. According to CARES Director Liz Park, "The program remained steady throughout the pandemic." Because of its success, the demand for anger man-

agement classes has prompted the organizers to consider offering the course more times throughout the year. Once participants have finished the nine-session course, they receive a certificate of completion. More importantly, they gain practical tools to help manage their anger. Another offering is parenting classes – to help empower and prepare young families as they attempt to raise the next generation.

Community Health

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program focuses

on the needs of Greenbelt seniors as they age in place. The program is open to adults 60+ and adults 50+ with disabilities residing within the Greenbelt city limits. Senior residents can access counseling and caregiver support services. GAIL established partnerships with Washington Adventist and Bowie State Universities' nursing programs and the University of Maryland School of Health and Life Science Program.

Nursing students gain experience in community nursing and the in-home nursing program helps seniors manage chronic illnesses like diabetes. The community nursing program extends its services to another vulnerable sector of the community: families with infants and toddlers. The visiting nurses check on the little ones to ensure that they are growing and developing and to verify they are up to date on immunizations. They offer parenting guidance to new parents and referrals to the

See CARES, page 7

St. Hugh's to Sponsor Mission Here in March

St. Hugh's Catholic Church is coordinating with other local Catholic parishes to co-sponsor a mission under the guidance of the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio. The mission will be held on three evenings: Sunday, March 5 through Tuesday, March 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The location will be St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville. Many people have travelled to Steubenville to attend missions and retreats. This will be a chance for locals to obtain the "Steubenville Experience for Everyone." Everyone is welcome to attend.

The three nights will include Catholic speaker, musician and author Dan Harms along with the ministry team from the Franciscan University. Each night will include prayer, music and Eucharistic adoration as well as a time for refreshments and fellowship. There is a small registration fee. To learn more about this mission or to register, visit event.me/w8qyba. Call Mary Ann Tretler at St. Hugh's at 240-517-7559 for additional information.



Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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301-474-9410

Pastor Evelyn Romero

In-Person Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Come as you are



The Bible Says...

But seek first God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
Matthew 6:33

IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services
10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School
MCFcc.org

Greenbelt Community Church
One Hillside Road

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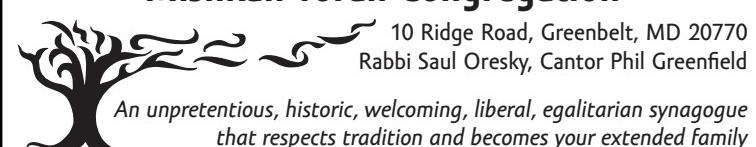


"Divine Justice demands that the rights of both sexes should be equally respected since neither is superior to the other in the eyes of Heaven. Dignity before God depends, not on sex, but on purity and luminosity of heart. Human virtues belong equally to all!" – 'Abdu'l-Bahá

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

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Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

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Thresholds and the Church Incarnate

Rev. Ann Kadlec with Worship Associate Jacqui Walpole

In any life, there are thresholds – moments when we choose whether to let go of key aspects of the past and enter into something new and different. Each threshold is an uncertain and challenging place, where it can be helpful to pause, look around, remember and imagine. At this threshold in the life of this church and its people, we pause today to consider where we've been, and how the past might inform what comes next.

Streaming to our Facebook page, on Zoom and in person at 3:00 at: University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

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At the Library

Regular hours are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

Storytimes

Friday, February 3, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7704308.

Monday, February 6, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7704261.

Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7742410.

Thursday, February 9, 10 a.m., ages newborn to 5, at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Hosted by Library staff and Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7741980.

Teen Action Group

Wednesday, February 8, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Come make a difference in the community, earn community service hours, gain new friends and be heard. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7700066.

Dramatic Play

Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock: A Trickster Tale. Take an imaginary trip to the African savanna and meet Anansi the Spider, who has a story and needs help telling it. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7688922.

Reading Challenge

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System and the Washington Wizards basketball team offer the Winter Reading Challenge through March 31. Visit pgcmls.info for more information and to register.

Chromebooks

Online 2Go Chromebooks may be borrowed from the Library by those 18 and older, one device per customer. No LINK or student accounts are allowed.

The Chromebooks have a six-week loan period which may be renewed once for another six weeks if there are no hold requests from other customers. Further information is available at pgcmls.info/borrow-technology.

City Notes

Building Maintenance and contractors upgraded alarm systems and installed wiring for door controls at Public Works, the Youth Center and the Municipal Building.

Public Works removed juniper bushes by the Aquatic & Fitness Center and hauled mulch to the county compost facility every weekday.

Refuse/Recycling collected 20.21 tons of refuse and 8.69 tons of recyclables.

Sustainability/Environmental advised Girl Scout volunteers on their Silver Award Project to plant trees in storm-damaged areas.

The Animal Shelter now hosts six dogs, eight cats, six kittens and three rabbits.

Recreation published the 2023 Summer Camp Guide, and collaborated with CARES to develop a mental health training program for camp staff.

The Community Center provided space for the Concert Band, Golden Age Club, Greenbelt Arts Center, Scouts, Advisory Planning Board, Greenbelt Astronomy and Greenwood Village HOA. Therapeutic Recreation welcomed growing numbers of Senior Nutrition Program guests.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 6-10

Monday, February 6 at 7:30, **WORK SESSION - COMBINED PROPERTIES/GREENWAY CENTER**

Tuesday, February 7 at 7 pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, *On the Agenda: Discussion of PSAC Community Forum and Survey Responses, Next Steps and Review of PSAC's 2017 Security Camera Report*

Tuesday, February 7 at 7 pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Approval of the Agenda, Approval of November and January Minutes, AAB Budget Report, Schedule Items for the New Year: Arts Crawl 2023 & Arts Mixer 2023, AAB Bylaws and Attendance, Roosevelt Center Signage, AI Art, Adjourn*

Wednesday, February 8 at 7:10 pm, **ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEW**

Wednesday, February 8 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Thursday, February 9 at 7 pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION MEETING - FIRST MEETING (COUNCIL CHAMBERS)**

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at greenbeltdmd.gov.



GREENBELT RECREATION'S SPRING CAMP
April 3 - April 7
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

236501-1: Ages 5-12
Fee: R: 227, NR: 262

GREENBELT RECREATION'S SUMMER CAMP GUIDE AT

www.greenbeltdmd.gov/camps

Registration begins **February 6 at 10 am** for Greenbelt residents, **February 13 at 10 am** for non-residents.

DON'T MISS OUT! Before Care & After Care are available.

PRE-K STORY HOUR
Friday, February 10
10:30 - 11:30 am

Springhill Lake Recreation
For more information contact
joseph.vincent@pgcmls.info
or spreadruak@gmail.com

GREENBELT LITTLES PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

This program is for kids ages 3-5 years. Children must be fully potty-trained. Winter and Spring classes available.
Call (301) 397-2200.

GAIL PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

February 15, 1-3 pm

Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Rd

Come visit our new location!

Meet new GAIL staff, hear about current programs and new workshops, blood pressure screening, and light refreshments!

Please RSVP by February 10. Contact Brendy Garcia (240) 424-0302.

Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 1/25/23)

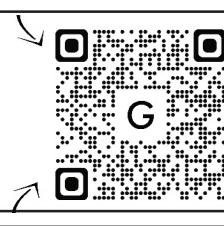
Rent and Utility Assistance
· 425 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$2,152,734.32

Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance
· 19 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$65,623.41

GREENBELT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP BECA DE EDUCACIÓN GREENBELT

Application period open through
March 31, 2023.

El período de solicitud está aquí al
31 de marzo de 2023.



ACTIVE AGING ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Friday, February 17, 1-3 pm

Community Center Gym, 15 Crescent

Make your own ice cream sundae,
then enjoy the Retro Rockets!

Contact Amber Hall at
(240) 542-2056 for information.

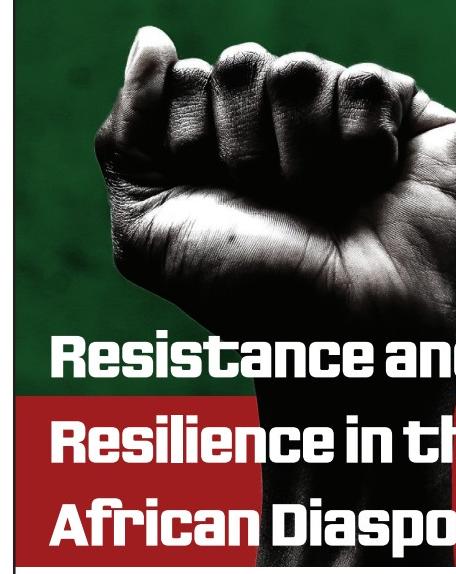
FOOD & FRIENDSHIP

For Residents Ages 60+

Mon & Wed, 11 am - 1 pm

Lunch available at the Greenbelt Community Center every Monday & Wednesday

Reservations must be made a week in advance by calling Amber Hall at (240) 542-2056.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

The programs presented this year in recognition of Black History Month 2023 highlight the talents, genius and survival skills of people with African heritage as they strive to live and thrive in various challenging environments.

Presented by Greenbelt Recreation and the Black History and Culture Committee.

Art Exhibition: February 1 - March 6

Artful Afternoon: February 5

Community Art Fun: February 11 12 - 3 pm

Kaiser Health Screening Unit FREE: February 11, 10 am - 3 pm

Free Family Film at the Old Greenbelt Theatre: FREE

February 26 at 1 pm, Marvel's Black Panther: Wakanda Forever

In Person Cultural Program: February 19, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Featuring spoken words with Chris Haley, Sainey Cessay, Francis Stedman;

Capoeira Angola with Mestre Santemu;

Kweku Owusu drums and dance.

For full program details and times visit www.greenbeltdmd.gov/BHM

CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

GREENBELT NURSERY PROJECT

This FREE program is available for Greenbelt families with newborns to 2 years old. Service includes monthly diapers, formula, baby milestone progress review, and more.

Call (240) 542-2019 or email kfarzin@greenbeltdmd.gov.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS

Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) is offering support groups online or in-person beginning January 2023. Registration required.

In-person: Every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6-7 pm at Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East

Online: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 2-3 pm.

Call (240) 542-2029 or email sjohnson@greenbeltdmd.gov

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

This FREE program occurs every 3rd Thursday of the month from 1 - 3 pm. Look at this section of the City calendar at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/calendar for locations and information.

NEXT DISTRIBUTION ON

Thursday, February 16

1 - 3 pm

Greenbelt Community Center

15 Crescent Road

PRÓXIMA DISTRIBUCIÓN A

jueves, 16 de febrero

1 - 3 pm

Greenbelt Community Center

15 Crescent Road

ARTFUL AFTERNOON WORKSHOP

Lead Artist: Barbara Joann Combs

Sunday, February 5, 1-3 pm

Community Center, 15 Crescent

All ages. FREE. Create your own folk art!

Details and sign-up: <http://bit.ly/3H0FZUw>

Visit us at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts



FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS GRANT PROGRAM

Find out more about the City of Greenbelt First-Time Homebuyers grant program today! The grant funds can be used for closing costs and/or down payment for FHA, VA, USDA, FNMA, or Freddie Mac loans. <http://ow.ly/xIKZ50My327>

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Advisory Planning Board
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (301) 474-8000.

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for the 2021-22 school year, with Carroll, Worcester, Howard, Queen Anne's, Calvert, Montgomery, Frederick and St. Mary's counties reporting proficiencies in the 30s. In the Algebra 1 Test only 6 percent of PGCPS students showed proficiency. For the sake of state comparison, four districts had 5 percent proficiency or less and, near the other end, Howard County had 32 percent.

Trends in Math

Falling proficiency in math is a trend not only in PGCPS, stressed Goldson in a press release, but one "mirrored across Maryland." In fact, she stated, "The overall PGCPS mathematics declines were less substantial in most instances than the declines experienced by the state in each grade level." Overall, tests indicate that less than a quarter of fifth-grade students are proficient in math statewide, though almost half are classified as developing learners, the level just below, according to the Maryland Department of Education. In Maryland, most grades improved their math scores compared to Fall 2021 assessments, though they haven't returned to the pre-pandemic levels of the MCAP results in 2018-2019.

Achievement Gaps

The Maryland data from the MCAP point to widening achievement gaps for students based on race, class and disabilities. Though 36 percent of white students were proficient in math (a decrease from 50 percent in 2018-19), only 10 percent of

Black students and 11 percent of Hispanic/Latino students were proficient (declines from 17 percent and 20 percent, respectively, in 2019). Fifty-three percent of Asian students scored proficient (down from 67 percent in 2019). Only 9 percent of students on free or reduced-price lunches were proficient (down from 17 percent in 2019) and only 6 percent of students with disabilities were proficient (down from 8 percent). The gap in math proficiency based on gender grew slightly; in 2019 33 percent of male and female students were proficient; in 2022 24 percent of male students and 21 percent of female students reached proficiency. The county data was not available by student group.

English Language Arts

Meanwhile, PGCPS saw increased proficiency scores in ELA at every grade level. However, statewide the percentage of students scoring proficient in ELA for grades three to eight averages at 44 percent, varying from a low of 21 percent (Baltimore City) to a high of 64 percent (Worcester County), with Prince George's County coming in at 34 percent of students measuring proficient. Although Goldson emphasized that the county's growth in ELA scores was mostly higher than the State's, for both grades three to eight and the English 10 test, Prince George's County was 30 percent below the highest-ranking district, landing fifth and sixth from the bottom respectively in the rankings of Maryland's 24

school districts. Half of female students were proficient compared to 38 percent of male students.

Asian students were most proficient in ELA, with 73 percent proficiency in this group. Fifty-nine percent of white students were proficient, 31 percent of Black students and 29 percent of Hispanic/Latino students. Only 11 percent of students with disabilities and 26 percent of students on free or reduced-price lunches were proficient.

Goldson's Response

Goldson said the results were not unexpected based on national trends, particularly in mathematics. "Last summer we identified mathematics as one of our school district's priority areas and put strategies in place to address lagging achievement," stated Goldson. She pointed to learning interventions such as in-school and online tutoring and enrichment opportunities based on need. Also, all pre-kindergarten classes for 4-year-olds transitioned to full-day programs beginning this school year. Maryland offers limited, need-assessed pre-school to low-income families and those receiving public assistance, in contrast to neighboring D.C. Public Schools, which offer free universal pre-K. Last summer, PGCPS offered summer school programming at no cost to parents. Goldson acknowledged in her January 24 press release that the data "clearly illustrates a critical need to accelerate learning."

Individual and school-level data is expected in March.

and the senior team, and will be in charge of developing appropriate programming internally and eventually rolling out programming for the residents of Greenbelt.

Smith holds a Master of Education degree from Texas A&M University and a Bachelor of Art in psychology from Radford University in Virginia. She is originally from Hampton, Va., and moved to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area in 2022.

PHOTO COURTESY TYRA SMITH

Tyra Smith Is Greenbelt's First Diversity Officer

This past week, Interim City Manager Tim George welcomed Tyra Smith as the city's first Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) officer. Smith has years of experience in DEI strategic planning, training and project management, having served

in different capacities in the biotechnology and higher education industries. "As the interim city manager, I recognized that we needed to bring someone in who would help the city grow in the area of diversity, equity and inclusion," said George. "I'm glad that Ms. Smith chose to bring her expertise to Greenbelt, and I look forward to seeing her vision come to fruition and the city continue to grow." Smith will work directly with the interim city manager, assistant city manager

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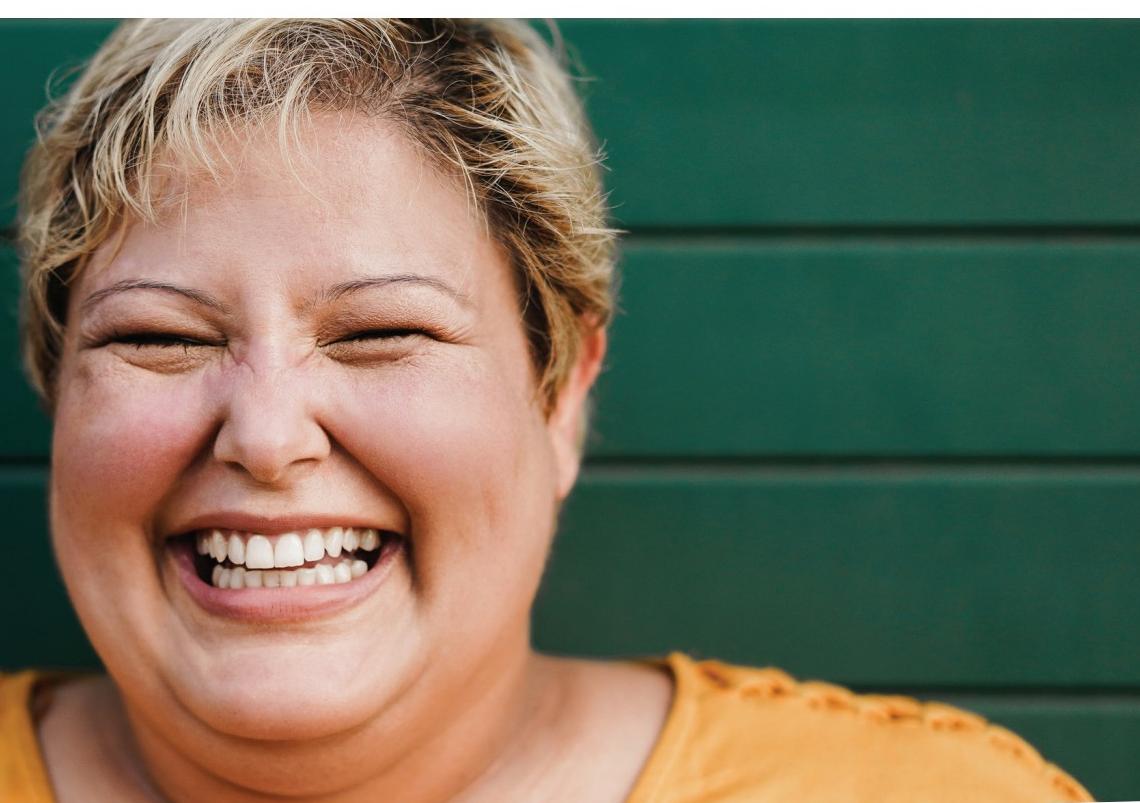


Tyra Smith

GHI Update on Search For General Manager

In its search for a new general manager of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), the Transition and Search Committee has received over 20 applications. The search will remain open as the process of reviewing applications continues. In early February the committee will conduct the initial round of interviews. Once two to three top candidates are found, the committee will present them to the board of directors to schedule final interviews as early as March. For more information, email the GHI Transition and Search Committee at ghitransitionandsearch@ghi.coop.

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GATE Offers Promotional Videos For Greenbelt Nonprofits, Causes

by Susan Harris



Clockwise from top: screenshots from promos for Greenbelt Farmers Market, Take Action to Stop Maglev, GreenbeltOnline, Greenbelt Library and Greenbelt Refugee Aid

Attention Greenbelt-based nonprofits, charities and volunteer organizations: GATE will work collaboratively with your organization to create a short promo video. Once known as public service announcements or PSAs, short videos are now considered the medium most likely to go viral online and accomplish goals like introducing viewers to the organization, calling for volunteers or promoting a cause.

Introductory videos are usually "evergreen," meaning of long-lasting value. They can be shared on social media and displayed on an organization's website; an example of that is now on the home page of GreenbeltOnline.org.

Watch more promotional videos on GATE's YouTube channel (link available on greenbeltaccessstv.org) by clicking on the playlist called Greenbelt Groups and Causes. Videos promoting upcoming events can be seen in the Event Promos playlist.

Yarn and Darn Meets Wednesdays

Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, rug hookers, seamstresses et al. bring your portable fiber arts to the Community Center to chat and socialize while working on individual projects.

This is a free social meet-up. Participants must bring their own projects and materials. No registration required. Meetings are Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 113.

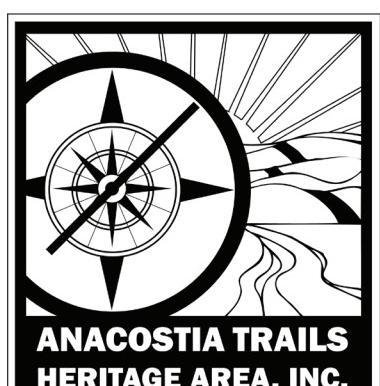
Email alarsen@greenbeltdmd.gov for more information.



Members of the Yarn and Darn group chat about their projects as they work.

There was a young lady of Greenbelt
Who on loving her guy was so heartfelt
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Then chased him down Hillside
And into her yard.
Mega Super Sweetie Size \$12

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Explore the History, Culture, Arts and Nature of Prince George's County!

Curated routes and trail maps: anacostiatrails.org

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diaper bank and other resources as needed.

Rental Assistance

Greenbelt CARES managed the first round of federal funds through the CARES Act, which helped many Greenbelters get through the early days of the pandemic. Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, they continue to help the community. Residents can still apply for rental and utility assistance as well as mortgage and homeowner association fee assistance. Most rental properties typically refer tenants to get eviction relief. The organization also works with local religious organizations through the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association.

Need for Space

During the height of the pandemic clinicians and counselors conducted a lot of the counse-

ing and workshops virtually via Zoom. However, as they returned to in-person care and services, space and privacy proved to be a critical need. According to Park, "The biggest obstacles facing CARES are growing demand and need for mental health services and adequate space to provide all our services. CARES continues to have a waitlist for mental health services and is located currently in the Municipal Building and the lower level of the Community Center. The expansion to the Community Center has allowed some relief for the space issues that CARES experiences; however, there is still a need for a final plan for adequate space for all CARES programs."

For more information on the CARES program, visit: greenbeltdmd.gov/government/departments/greenbelt-cares.



CARES staff, from left, Director Liz Park, Community Resource Advocate Christal Batey and Bilingual Community Outreach Coordinator Katherine Farzin

February Art Workshops

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program offers three arts workshops in February. Advance registration is required.

Make "love bird" ornaments with Artist-in-Residence Rachel Ann Cross on Friday, February 10 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Community Center. This workshop is open to everyone over the age of 6. Create beautiful, little mixed-media sculptures using paint, craft supplies and found objects.

Greenbelt artist Leah Cohen is offering two fiber arts programs. Big and Little Looms: Weaving for Kids will meet weekly on Fridays from February 3 through 24, between 4:15 and 5:45 p.m. This class is open to children ages 6 to 14, and will meet at the Community Center.

Cohen's Victorian Scrappy Mittens workshop is open to anyone over the age of 12. This program will meet on Zoom on Sundays, February 12 and 19 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Students will learn to make embellished mittens out of scraps of wool that will be warm and stylish, but also provide a canvas to practice free-form embroidery.

For additional details and registration assistance, email Ruth Campbell at rcampbell@greenbeltdmd.gov. Fees apply. Greenbelt's Arts programs are supported in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council.



Workshop lovebird

PHOTO BY RACHEL ANN CROSS

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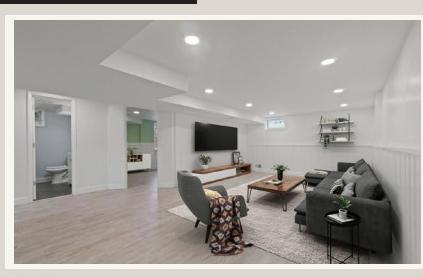
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In specifying that all landlords must have a license, Council-member Silke Pope pointed to cases where the cost of getting a license may harm some city residents.

Council supported the rental initiatives with six ayes and one nay from Pope.

School Zone Size

Senate Bill 11 decreases the radius around schools within which a school zone may be established and speed monitoring systems may be placed and used. The proposed decrease is from a half-mile to one-tenth of a mile.

Debate ensued primarily over whether the city's speed cameras would be in compliance. Councilmember Colin Byrd drew attention to the question of whether the one-tenth mile radius is enough to protect children coming and going to school, independent of the speed camera issue. Council voted to oppose the bill by six to one. The solitary nay to opposing the bill was from Byrd.

Rent Stabilization

Rent Stabilization Act of 2023, County Council Bill 007 would prohibit landlords from increasing rent by more than a certain percentage in some units, provides additional restrictions on rent increases, provides for an expiration of the Act and generally relates to rent restrictions for residential leases and rental units.

The Act implements a 3 percent rent increase cap for six months countywide. At the end of six months, Prince George's County Council is expected to have more well-defined legislation. It is not retroactive and has no appeal provision.

Pope pointed out that there is already a 5 percent real estate tax increase for property owners and argued this bill needs modifications. Councilmember Ric Gordon pointed to a letter from Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) supporting the legislation and noted that council would be either signing onto that letter or opposing it.

Council voted to sign onto the PGCMA letter with six ayes and

one abstention from Byrd (Byrd is employed by the county).

Compensation Study

Dwayne Martinez, city director of Human Resources, introduced recommendations from a recent compensation study and began by noting that, before this one, the last time the city had a compensation study was over eight years ago. He spoke about the three options open for consideration by Council:

Option One: Move employees to the minimum compensation for their classification range if their salary is currently below that amount; all others would retain their existing salary.

Option Two: Employees below the minimum compensation for their classification level would move to the minimum while all others would receive a 2 percent increase. If those seeing an adjustment to the minimum for their classification would receive less than a 2 percent raise they would receive 2 percent instead. Therefore, every employee would see at least a 2 percent increase in compensation.

Option Three: Employees below the minimum for their level would move to the minimum, then all employees would receive a half percent decompression adjustment multiplied by their years of service, capped at a maximum of 5 percent. For example, an employee with 10 years of service would receive a 5 percent adjustment.

Council approved staff recommendation of Option Two and a portion of Option Three with all ayes. The cost-of-living adjustment is not included in the compensation adjustment but will be discussed within the budget meetings.

Committee Reports

The Board of Elections Committee submitted a report, Proposed Election Code and Charter Amendments: Early Voting and Date of Election Day Report, that was accepted by council. The Public Safety Advisory Committee's report, Review and Recommendations of Nine Pending Police Procedures, was accepted by council. The Arts Advisory Board's report, Report #23-1-Space Study, was also accepted by council.

More information on the meeting can be found on the city website (greenbeltdmd.gov) by clicking on the Municipal Access TV button on the homepage and then on the agenda packet for the meeting.

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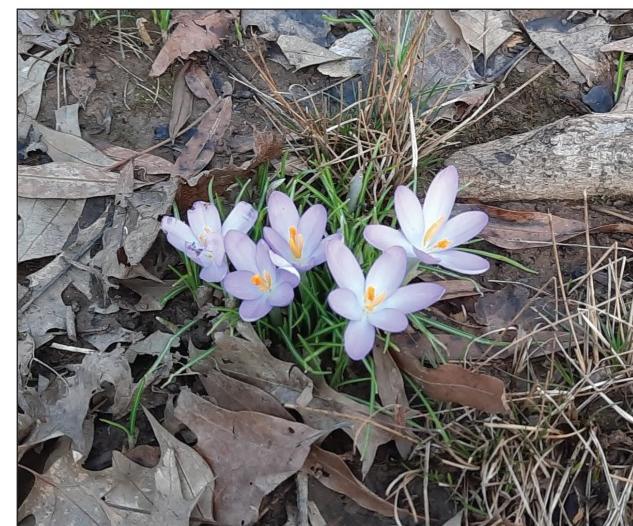
Nonprofit Grants

This program will be opening in February and will include nonprofits with a 501c(3) or 501c(19) designation (per U.S. Treasury guidelines). Grants are up to \$25,000. Mayor Emmett Jordan mentioned that of the 239 registered nonprofits in Greenbelt, approximately 50 are actively involved in serving Greenbelt residents. The recipients of the grants have to be able to sustain themselves beyond the grant, according to Sandlin. Councilmember Kristen Weaver asked about the requirement that a nonprofit have an operating budget of \$25,000 and whether that operating budget included in-kind donations. Sandlin replied that the operating budget would include donations or in-kind contributions. Staff recommends allocating \$250,000 of the \$1.5 million approved by council for these grants to be rolled out in mid-February. Council approved these nonprofit grants unanimously.

Business Recovery

Round three of the Business Recovery grants supports capacity improvement and operational improvements for small businesses. As part of business recovery from the pandemic, the Small Business Capital Improvement supports physical improvements to small businesses.

The ARPA website at engagegreenbelt.org has been updated to reflect all ARPA projects.



Crocuses are blooming already in January.

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Shooting

On January 24 at approximately 6:17 p.m., officers responded to the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane for the report of a shooting. Officers located a 25-year-old man suffering from multiple gunshot wounds, and he was transported to a local hospital. The suspect was described as a Black man wearing all black.

Assault

On January 26 at 11:45 p.m. near 7800 Walker Drive, a ride-share passenger assaulted the driver. On January 26 at 1:05 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, a man assaulted another man unprovoked; officers arrested the man, who was taken to the Department of Corrections.

Break-in

On January 28 at 2:51 a.m. near 6100 Breezewood Court, personal property was stolen from a residence but there were no signs of forced entry.

Fight

On January 26 at 10:38 p.m. near 5700 Cherrywood Lane, officers located an injured man who did not know how he was injured; he was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

DUI Arrests

On January 27 at 11:56 p.m. near Springhill Lane and Breezewood Drive; January 28 at 9:31 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and Mandan Road and 10:04 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway; and January 29 at 5:49 a.m. near Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue.

Theft

On January 24 at 10:09 a.m. near 7400 Greenbelt Road, a cell phone was stolen from a restaurant table. On January 28 at 5:06 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Court, a known individual took personal property; the victim was advised how to press charges. On January 29 at 5:10 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a purse left in a grocery cart was stolen. Commercial thefts occurred on January 29 at 10:58 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, and at 2:53 p.m. near 7500 Greenway Center Drive.

Fraud

On January 24 near 8100 Lakecrest Drive, identity theft. On January 26 near 200 Lakeside Drive, money transfer fraud. On January 28 near 6100 Breezewood Court, WhatsApp fraud. On January 29 near 6400 Ivy Lane, a buyer used blank paper as



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Trespassing

On January 25 at 2:32 p.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, two adult men were seen entering an unoccupied residence; officers arrived and took the men into custody. One had an open warrant and officers placed him under arrest. While searching the man, officers found numerous bank, ID, and social security cards that did not belong to him. The second man was banned from the Franklin Park Apartments.

Vandalism

On January 29 at 3:27 p.m. near 9100 Edmonston Terrace, an individual known to the resident broke a glass door.

Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicles

This week, several Hyundais were stolen and some were found: On January 25 near 6100 Breezewood Court, a red 2015 Elantra (Md. plate 8CG5969) was stolen. On January 25 near 9100 Springhill Lane, a 2019 Elantra (Md. plate 5EK5601) was stolen and later located by Berwyn Heights Police with a window broken and the ignition damaged. On January 27 near 9100 Edmonston Terrace, a 2016 Hyundai Elantra (Md. plate 9EM8818) was stolen. On January 28 near 7900 Mandan Road, a 2012 red Elantra (Md. plate 8AN4949) was stolen. On January 29 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a 2018 white Elantra (Md. plate 5DY9724) was stolen. On January 29 at 2:24 p.m. near 7800 Hanover Parkway, a stolen 2014 silver Elantra was found unoccupied and running.

On January 24 at 11:03 p.m. near Cherrywood Lane and Greenbelt Metro Drive, officers located a Hyundai Sonata stopped in the middle of the roadway running and unoccupied with the

ignition damaged. The owner could not be reached, so the car was impounded.

On January 25 at 1:35 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive, officers located a stolen Hyundai Accent stopped in a lane of traffic with the hazard lights on. The occupants, a 15-year-old boy and 17-year-old girl, were arrested on a juvenile petition.

Other vehicles stolen included: On January 23 near 7900 Lakecrest Drive, a black 2006 Chrysler 300 (Md. plate 5BM4131); on January 26 near 9100 Edmonston Terrace, a gold 2014 Kia Cadenza (Md. plate 3FA7757); and on January 26 near 9100 Springhill Lane, a gray Chevy Cobalt (Md. plate 9EB8753).

Theft from Auto

Steering wheel airbags were stolen on January 26 near 6400 Capitol Drive from a 2018 Acura RDX; January 27 near 5800 Cherrywood Lane from a 2020 Honda Civic; and on January 28 near 8000 Mandan Road from a 2021 Honda CR-V.

On January 29 at 7:53 a.m. near 6100 Breezewood Court, two cars, a 2019 Hyundai Sonata and a 2021 Kia Forte had the windows broken and tampering to the steering columns. Disabled placards were stolen on January 23 near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, and on January 28 near 7800 Hanover Parkway. A front license plate was stolen on January 26 near 7200 Morrison Drive. On January 27 near 7600 Ora Glen Drive, a car window was broken and property stolen; near 7600 Greenbelt Road, property was stolen from an unlocked car at a gas station. Car windows were broken but nothing taken on January 26 near 400 Ridge Road, and on January 28 near 6000 Springhill Drive.

Charges of Indecent Exposure At Greenbelt Lake Are Dropped

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

ther victims had come forward.

White was removed from his position at Bancroft Elementary School in the wake of his arrest. Indecent exposure is a misdemeanor in Maryland that sometimes leads to the defendant having to register as a sex offender.

With charges dropped, it's unclear what impact the arrest will have on White's career in education. White has been employed by both Prince George's County and D.C. Public Schools (DCPS). A representative at Bancroft Elementary was unable to comment on whether White would be working at the school in the future and a spokesperson for DCPS told the News Review that they're unable to comment on personnel or personal matters of employees.

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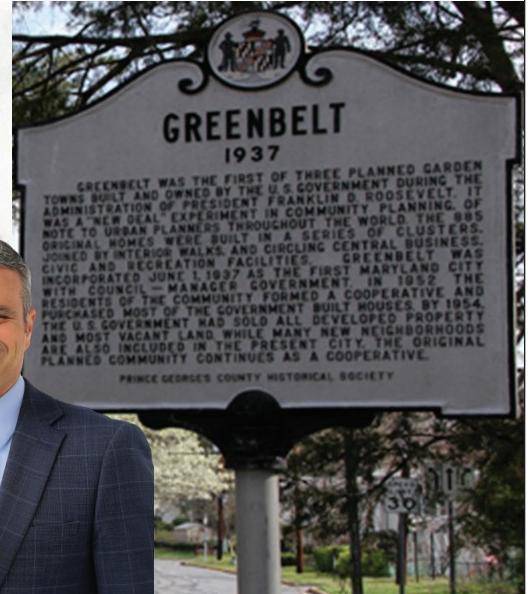
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scanned. No weapons of any kind are allowed, which is interpreted broadly to include many seemingly innocuous items, such as lighters and any metal silverware.

Potential jurors are expected to check in by 7:30 a.m. in the jury holding room on the second floor, which holds around 250 people. There are bathrooms within the juror area and many TVs around the room, which were tuned to HGTV.

Jurors are advised to bring their lunch, with plastic silverware and a cold pack if needed. The juror room has no microwave or refrigerator; vending machines were empty as they were scheduled to be replaced. There is a cafeteria in the courthouse, although a guard at the security checkpoint warned that service was slow.

There are only a few places to eat near the courthouse so jurors were advised to get carry-out if they went to any of these establishments and return to the courthouse as soon as they could. And reentering the courthouse means going through the security line again.

When all potential jurors are assembled in the morning, a court employee gives them a briefing on what they can expect during the day, which is "the unexpected." Some jurors may spend all day in the lounge or be dismissed at any time throughout the day. Others will proceed through the process of jury selection and complete a trial. Or anything in between — cases may settle at any time during the process.

Juror 16's Experience

As Juror 16 in a 79-person pool, I was a potential juror for a criminal trial featuring first degree murder, attempted murder and use of a firearm during commission of a felony. We were told that the trial was anticipated to last five days.

Escorted by bailiffs, we went upstairs to the courtroom. Those who couldn't do stairs were escorted by another bailiff by elevator. The morning was spent in asking all the jurors a series of questions that enabled the judge to dismiss potential jurors for cause. Did we know the victim? the defendant? the witnesses? Had we been the victim of a crime? Did we belong to or support a number of advocacy groups? Did we believe expert witnesses or police officers were

more inherently believable than other witnesses? Had we been to law school? Did we work in the justice system? Would it be a hardship, not just an inconvenience, to serve throughout a five-day trial?

People answering yes to each question stood and the judge either asked them questions in open court, had a bench conference or took down a list of juror numbers. For all questions, the overriding query was whether we could nevertheless review the evidence in a fair and impartial manner.

The judge excused a few people after the bench conference: someone who knew one of the victims, a Prince George's County police officer who knew many of the witnesses, others for whom the reason was not apparent.

After a one-hour lunch break, the afternoon was spent in individual bench conferences with each juror. Those not being questioned read or looked at their phones. This process took almost four hours, at the end of which our pool of 79 was down to about 55, from which 12 jurors and two alternates were to be selected.

Then we formed a single line at the rail and were either seated or excused. Either the prosecutor or the defense could excuse, with no reason given. The judge advised us not to take it personally if we were excused. Both sides had to agree for a juror to be seated.

When 12 jurors were in the box, the judge asked if the sides were satisfied with the composition of the jury. The prosecution and defense then excused one person each that they had previously agreed to seat, including Juror 16.

The shuttle buses run less frequently in the evening, but one eventually came and took the excused jurors back to the parking lot. I was in my car at 7 p.m., 12 hours after I left it.

During the long final juror selection, impatience was becoming widespread. But the juror seated next to me retained her calm, saying, "Someone's life is at stake here."

Jury duty was at first interesting, then tedious, but throughout, it was important and necessary. It is, like voting, the duty of a citizen.

Museum Will Host Virtual Tour of Jim Crow Museum

On Wednesday, February 22 at 6 p.m., the Greenbelt Museum will host a free, virtual tour of the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia led by staff of the museum, which is located on the campus of Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich. According to the museum website, "The Jim Crow Museum is the nation's largest publicly accessible collection of artifacts of intolerance. The Museum contextualizes the dreadful impact of Jim Crow laws and customs. The Museum uses objects of intolerance to teach tolerance and promote a more just society."

Most of the over 9,000 artifacts in the museum's collection were created between the 1870s and the 1960s. The objects on display both shaped and reflected attitudes toward African Americans during the Jim Crow era. Greenbelt was established in 1937, right in the midst of that era. Black families were excluded from the government-built housing project, despite early plans for the community where space for black families was included.

The types of harmful imagery displayed at the Jim Crow Museum sadly would have been all too familiar to Greenbelt's early residents.

The overarching purpose of the Jim Crow Museum is to educate visitors about race relations in the U.S. and to share the de-meaning images prevalent during the Jim Crow era without sugar-coating the past. The museum, however, also features positive displays, including stories and artifacts about African American achievement and the civil rights movement. In the past several years the museum has added artifacts defaming women, Poles, Native Americans, Mexicans, Jews and gay people.

This is a virtual event. Space is limited; register in advance via Eventbrite (link on greenbeltmuseum.org). An email with a Zoom link will be sent to attendees closer to the date of tour. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the City of Greenbelt.

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Activists Celebrate Anniversary Of the Nuclear Weapons Ban

by Donna Hoffmeister

This past week Greenbelt activists presented a certificate of appreciation and flowers to the embassies of the nine nations that ratified the U.N. Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in the last 12 months: The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Cabo Verde, Guatemala, Cote D'Ivoire, both Congo and the Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, Grenada and Malawi. The treaty entered into force on January 21, 2021. Sixty-eight nations have now ratified the treaty, decreeing nuclear weapons constitutionally illegal in their territories. This historic treaty, voted on by 122 nations, is the only comprehensive, legally binding instrument that bans the development, possession, threat and use of nuclear weapons. Last year the group presented certificates of appreciation and bouquets to embassies of the 59 nations that had ratified the treaty by its first anniversary. (See Greenbelt News Review, January 27, 2022.) Another 24 countries are actively in the process of ratifying the treaty this year.

The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste was the first embassy visited on Monday, January 23. Timor-Leste is an island nation north of Australia, once under Portuguese rule, that became an independent nation in 2001. First Secretary of Timor-Leste, Fonseca dos Santos Pereira, accepted the certificate of appreciation and flowers, telling the Greenbelters how proud he was to have been present when his country first signed the treaty in 2018. He expressed his conviction that nuclear disarmament is urgently needed now.

The discussion with the first secretary led quickly to Russian President Vladimir Putin's threat to use nuclear weapons in Ukraine. Last September Putin cited U.S. "precedent" in using nuclear weapons in Japan during WWII and said Russia would "use all the means" at its disposal to "defend" itself in its war against Ukraine. Harvard Professor Matthew Bunn estimates the probability that Russia will use a nuclear weapon in Ukraine to be between 10 and 20 percent, based on the public statements Putin has made. The group at the Timor-Leste embassy agreed that these odds are much too high.

Coincidentally, on Tuesday, January 24, the Science and Security Board of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists moved the hands of the Doomsday Clock forward, largely (though not exclusively) because of the mounting dangers of the war in Ukraine. The Clock now stands at 90 seconds to midnight – the closest we have been to nuclear war and global catastrophe since the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis. Russia and the U.S. possess more than 90 percent of all existing nuclear weapons. The U.S. spends \$50 billion annually on nuclear weapons. Princeton University's Program on Science and Global Security ran a simulation in 2019 that indicated that one tactical nuke could trigger a total nuclear exchange killing 34 million people in just five hours. The journal Nature Food ran an article, August, 2022, that stated



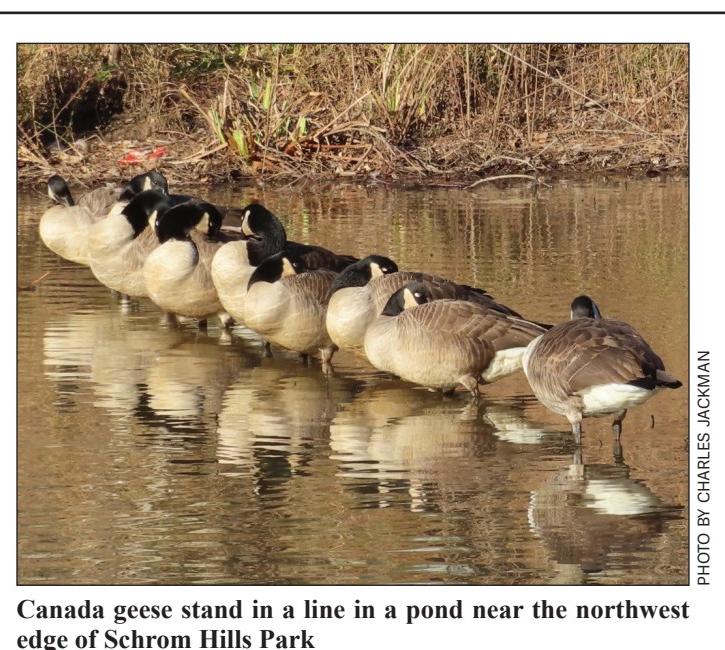
From left, Mary Elieisar, Jean Athey, Fonseca dos Santos Pereira (First Secretary of Timor-Leste), Gwen DuBois and Donna Hoffmeister pose with the certificate.



The certificate of appreciation to Timor-Leste has the flags of all 59 nations who have ratified the TPNW.

a full-scale nuclear war between the U.S. and Russia would shroud the planet in 150 million tons

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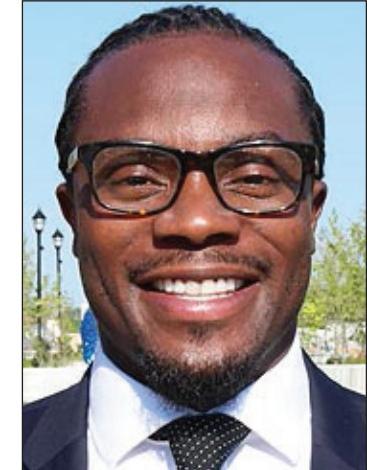
Canada geese stand in a line in a pond near the northwest edge of Schrom Hills Park

Governor Moore Appoints Washington to State Senate

Delegate Alonzo T. Washington (D-Prince George's) was appointed state senator on Thursday, January 26, by Maryland Governor Wes Moore to fill the District 22 vacancy created when former senator Paul Pinsky was appointed director of the Maryland Energy Administration. When sworn in on Monday evening, Washington became the first Black state senator from District 22 since the district was first created in the early 1970s.

Serving in the House of Delegates for the last decade, Washington's impact has strongly resonated in Prince George's County. During his career he has been appointed to several leadership positions, including vice chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, chair of the Education Subcommittee, chair of the Election Law Subcommittee, deputy majority whip, parliamentarian, first vice chair of the Legislative Black Caucus, first vice chair of the Prince George's House Delegation and chair of the County Law Enforcement Subcommittee.

"This is a testament to his leadership and how hard he has



Alonzo Washington

worked for this District," said Riverdale resident Patricia Parker, when asked about Washington being appointed to the state senate by Moore. "People around the community know and trust Alonzo, because we know that he will always fight for progressive values and put his constituents first."

Washington won re-election as delegate three times.

Information in this article is from a Maryland House of Delegates press release.

New Deal Café's Back Room Features Friday Morning Music

by Mary Moien



From left, Doug Way, Debbie Annen, John Annen, Barbara Stevens and Karl Neidhardt combine practice and entertainment on Friday mornings at the New Deal Café.

If you are fortunate enough to have free time on Friday mornings and you like music, stop in at the New Deal Café between 10 a.m. and noon. Most Fridays, Debbie and John Annen, along with Barbara Stevens and Karl Neidhardt, are chatting, rehearsing and playing instruments in the back room of the Café. On a recent Friday, Debbie was on the ukulele, John on the fiddle (and sometimes leading the singing), Barbara on guitar and Karl on bass. Each musician had a chance to choose a favorite piece to play. When Do the Locomotion was played, a few in the casual crowd began to dance in between the tables. The group considers this to be an informal "open rehearsal" as they discuss and perfect songs, sometimes playing them over several times. Listeners are encouraged to sit, sip and sing along.

Debbie and John are known collectively as DeJohn (pronounced like the mustard) and their website shows a jar of Dijon mustard with the heading of "a little dab of music is like adding spice to your life." Debbie, John and others have been highlighted at open mic nights and other gigs at the New Deal Café as well as outdoor concerts around the city. The group normally rehearses outdoors in area parks. With the advent of cold weather, they asked Dan Gillotte, manager of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket, if they could rehearse in the Café during daytime hours.

This eclectic group can be found holding their open rehearsal most Friday mornings at the New Deal. For more information about these musicians and to confirm their dates, email Debbie Annen at debbieannen@yahoo.com.

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